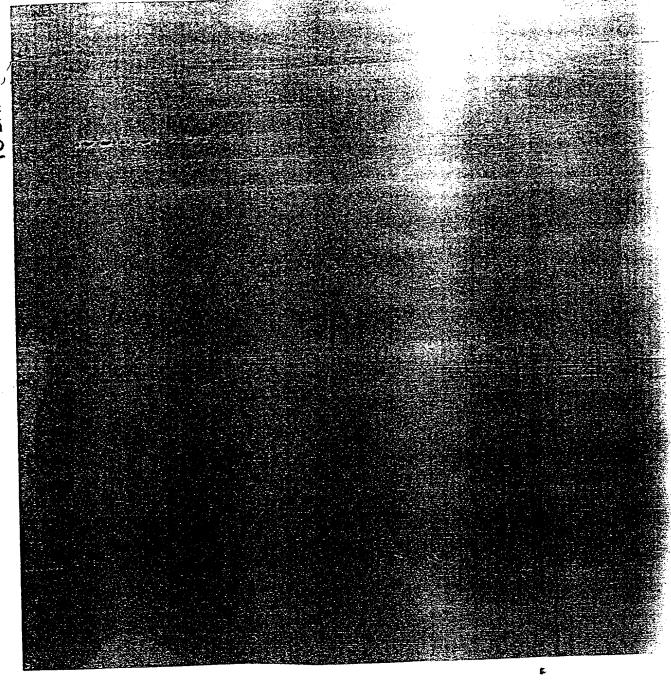
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Communists to Dominate Latin American Youth Conference In Havana: The Communists will dominate the Latin American Youth Conference, scheduled for Havana in July, and will thus have an opportunity to coordinate their efforts to win sympathizers among student elements in the hemisphere and to

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receive international assistance and guidance. According to a usually reliable source, invitations to attend the meeting have been sent covertly to 17 national youth organizations outside Latin America, including the USSR, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Communist China, and overtly to the Communist-dominated International Union of Students, World Federation

of Democratic Youth, and World Federation of Trade Unions. Invitations were also forwarded to some non-Communist organizations, probably to camouflage the Communist control of the conference.

The forthcoming conference is one of several international meetings scheduled or held in Havana in recent months with the backing of the Castro regime which are being exploited by Communists to promote their own regional activities. For example, the "Gathering of Latin American Solidarity with Cuba," held late last April in Havana ostensibly under the sponsorship of a Communist-influenced pro-Cuban group in Venezuela, was largely financed and promoted by Cuba. This regional meeting passed resolutions which contained all the basic points and even the phraseology outlined by Latin American Communist leaders in Moscow in early 1959 for convening an anti-US "People's Congress." Such a congress presumably continues to be a key objective of Communist strategy in the hemisphere.

